

**Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation
October 13, 2009
Salem School Teacher's Room
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

Present: Monica McIntyre, Dinis Pimentel, Bill Weinschenker, Don Bourdeau, Jim Choquette, Donna Leake, Chris LaRose

Absent: Stuart Gadbois, Jenifer Lee, Dick Asafaylo, Horace Lindo, Mike Siebert

Guests: Bob Appleby, Steve Buck, Chuck Boos, Maryann Casciano (arrived at 7:16 P.M.)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

M/S/C (Choquette/Weinschenker) to approve the October 6, 2009 minutes as presented. Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-1 (C. LaRose).

D. Pimentel handed out a packet with existing and possible proposed debt if the project were to be completed at \$7 million or \$10 million at fifteen or twenty year bond periods. The information was put together by Kevin Lyden, Janet Griggs, and George Householder.

First Selectman Bob Ross has not yet heard back from Rep. Ed Jutila about a meeting with Mr. Jutila, Bob Ross, the Building Committee, and Chuck Boos. D. Pimentel will inform the committee as soon as he knows about when the meeting will be.

D. Leake has been speaking with Paige Farnum from the Department of Education about the project while David Wedge is away. She suggested that D. Pimentel speak to her and he will relay her name to Bob Ross.

D. Pimentel mentioned a comment that S. Gadbois had about the referendum question, and it was that the question should be very specific and clear as to what is being asked of the Town.

At the last Board of Selectman meeting, D. Pimentel spoke for fifteen minutes and presented the committee and project status. Kevin Lyden suggested having a public hearing with a presentation and FAQ's. If it is not a town public hearing, the committee should be able to do something similar.

C. LaRose suggested having the public hearing in the multipurpose room broadcast over the Internet with Peter Sielman help. M. Casciano suggested being able to take the public on a tour of the school as part of the public hearing.

The earliest possible time for the project to be considered in the legislature is February.

The Lions Club extended an invitation to the committee for Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Center School.

D. Pimentel asked the committee to review the FAQ's and add any input. It was suggested to shorten some of the answers and eliminate one. Information about the capital plan, code violations, and the building of a new school will be added.

D. Pimentel revisited the question "Why now?" This led to a discussion of re-estimating the project. When asked if there is a benefit to re-estimating, C. Boos answered yes. It could cost about \$5,000. S.

Buck commented that the overall cost should not be cut down to a bare minimum because the school should have quality furniture and technology, and there are many different levels of quality out there.

The committee reviewed the timeline and there were some items that have already been abated. Other items could be eliminated because they were struck out, and some changed to be clearer. It was also discussed which items should be added after March 2008 (where the timeline stopped).

Next meeting date is October 27, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (Weinschenker/Choquette) to adjourn. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsay K. Chester

Recording Secretary